

# INSPIRATIONAL GEMS

Scriptural Reflections  
Of An Orthodox  
Muslim

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### Introduction

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Merciful The Especially Merciful

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I have purposely kept it short, for brief reading, post contemplation and acting upon what is learnt within these pages.

### **Text(Matn)**

1. Religion (The way of life) is not just a label that one wears. You must be able to experience the positive effects within yourself , and thus be able to positively affect others even without saying a word

2. If the commander in chief(i.e. the spiritual heart) is not in full control of his subjects(i.e. the limbs and all other faculties) then inevitable disaster awaits.  
The only way the commander in chief can

achieve this just, wise rule is by having knowledge of The True Monotheism of Allah, and embedding the internal qualities of the Prophet (peace be upon him) within themselves. Therefore, one internally and externally acts by Divine Guidance(i.e. the subjects happily carry out the chief's commands)

3. If you actually took the time to observe your children and actually listen to what they are trying to tell you/ share with you, within due reason and boundaries, you

would learn lessons not even your friends could teach you...children are a special gift from Allah, so treat them well, and nurture them according to their nature/disposition/developing mental capacity. Most importantly, instil in them religious ethics and good character

4. Allah is the one that controls the hearts of the insaan/ mankind: Have you not heard the Hadith of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): 'if Allah loves a person, He calls Jibrael saying,

'Allah loves so and so; O Jibrael love him.'

And make an announcement amongst the inhabitants of the heaven: "Allah loves so and so therefore you should love him also, and so all the inhabitants of the heaven would love him, and then he is granted the pleasures of the people on the earth." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]. So, do what is right, don't fear the blame of the blamers, and be rest assured that the matters of the seen and the unseen are totally in the hands of Allah.

5. Don't be fooled by Shaytaan, who only wants to see you sad and crippled, so that he can launch his weak attacks. Allah says in the Qur an (4:76) Chapter 4 Verse 76 ; "Ever feeble indeed is the plot of Shaytaan (Satan)".

6. The interesting thing about life, which further elaborates on the Mercy and Wisdom of Allah, is that He always gives us a chance to change. He gives us signs, one after another, in order that we repent to Him, and return to the straight path. The

more we accept these lessons and follow accordingly, the more He leads us( by His Will), to the path of righteousness, and to remain upon it. Otherwise, our open refusal only sets us down the paths of never ending misguidance and destruction, to the point where one actually loses themselves; Allah says in the Qur an, Chapter 42 verse 45 "And you will see them brought forward to it (Hell) made humble by disgrace, (and) looking with stealthy glance. And those who believe will say: "Verily, the losers are they who lose themselves and their families on the Day of

Resurrection. Verily, the Dhalimuun [i.e. Al-Kafirun (disbelievers in Allah, in His Oneness and in His Messenger SAW, polytheists, wrong-doers, etc.)] will be in a lasting torment."

May Allah guide us all Ameen

7. If you cannot successfully lead yourself, you cannot successfully lead others

8. Sins aren't always those that you can openly see. Many sins are committed in the

confines of your spiritual heart, those deep seated unrestricted ill feelings and desires that only Allah sees...always ask for guidance from the One Above, repent to Him, and seek His forgiveness.

8. Many Parents should wake up: if you keep treating your children like they are still babies, this may have long-term detrimental effects. Give children some level of guided independence, and directed decision making; especially when they reach the age of mental/ intellectual

discernment( which is around 7 or so), then they will feel respected and start taking initiatives. Allow them to think out of the box of fantasy and false reality that so many parents put their children in. If your child has the ability to memorise about 50 to 100 different cartoon characters, with their names and their associated roles, then Allah is showing you, that in its place, he can learn 100 or more verses from the Holy book(with its meaning and associated actions). Parents, wake up from the sleep of heedlessness. Allah says in the Quran to the believers; “Save yourself and your



families from a fire whose fuel is men and stone"... Save yourselves...don't let societal norms divert you from your spiritual goals; it is either to Paradise or Hell; You as a parent, have a major pivotal role in your children's/ child's life journey.

#### **9. Don't seek fame:**

Be sincere towards Allah, and stick to the straight path; The One who does something sincerely for Allah(i.e. seeking His face), Allah will help him. Allah says in Chapter 65 verse 2 "And whosoever fears Allah and

keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty)".

10. One thing that we can reflect on from the world of the animals, is that Allah gave them different roles, functions and benefits that they provide to themselves and the environment. They worship Allah and act accordingly, which proves that many people can't even match an animal's status, in terms of knowing what is good for them and acting therewith. Allah says in the Quran, Chapter 7 verse 179; "And surely, We

have created many of the jinns and mankind for Hell. They have hearts wherewith they understand not, they have eyes wherewith they see not, and they have ears wherewith they hear not (the truth). They are like cattle, nay even more astray; those! They are the heedless ones."

11. What are our priorities? Allah says in The Qur an, Chapter 3 (Aal 'Imraan) verse 154: And whoever desires a reward in (this) world, We shall give him of it; and whoever desires a reward in the Hereafter,

We shall give him thereof. And We shall reward the grateful.

In the Qur an, Chapter 17 (Al Israa), verse 18-19; "Whoever desires the quick-passing (transitory enjoyment of this world), We readily grant him what We will for whom We like. Then, afterwards, We have appointed for him Hell; he will burn therein disgraced and rejected. 19. And whoever desires the Hereafter and strives for it, with the necessary effort due for it while he is a believer, then such are the ones whose striving shall be appreciated, (rewarded by Allah)"

And in the Qur'an Chapter 42 (Surah Shu'rah) verse 20-21; Whosoever desires (with his deeds) the reward of the Hereafter, We give him increase in his reward, and whosoever desires the reward of this world (with his deeds), We give him thereof (what is written for him), and he has no portion in the Hereafter.

12. Don't be put off by hatred. Be patient with all harm that comes from following the path of Allah; you would be surprised when even your worst enemy comes to

take you as a close friend. Have you not heard the verse of Allah in the Qur'an (41:34) Surah Fussilat verse 34: "Repel (the evil) with one which is better (i.e. Allah ordered the faithful believers to be patient at the time of anger, and to excuse those who treat them badly), then verily! he, between whom and you there was enmity, (will become) as though he was a close friend.

## **FINAL PRAYER**

All Praises abundant and plentiful belong to Allah, and peace be upon his final Messenger Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, his family, his companions and all of those that follow them till the day of Judgement.

## FINAL WORD

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